

## **REMARKS**

### **I. Status of the Claims**

By this Amendment, claims 1, 4, 6-8, and 11 have been amended and claims 2, 3, 9, and 10 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof. Thus, claims 1, 4-8, 11, and 12 are pending.

### **II. Allowable Subject Matter**

In the final Office Action and in the Board Decision, claims 3 and 10 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 8 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 2 and 3 and claims 9 and 10, respectively. In addition, the claim dependencies of several dependent claims were changed accordingly.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance.

### **III. Conclusion**

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider this application, withdraw the claim rejections, and allow the pending claims in a timely manner.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 16-1885.

Respectfully submitted,

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